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Pending Cases under POCSO Act
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a large pendency of cases registered under the provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in various courts across the country;
(b) if so, the details of pendency of the cases registered under the Act during the last three years and the current year;
(c) the reasons including infrastructural deficiencies for the inordinate delay in the disposal of the cases;
(d) whether the percentage of conviction for the offences under the Act is very low and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-Wise; and
(e) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the States with reference to the appointment and training of competent lawyers as Special Public Prosecutors to try the offences under the Act and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)
(a) to (c): As per information provided by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 7,970 cases and 18,879 cases were pending for trial in various courts under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POSCO) Act, 2012 at the end of 2014 and 2015 respectively. Details of State/UT wise cases reported, cases chargesheeted , cases in which chargesheet not submitted but final report submitted as true (cases unsolved), cases chargesheeting rate, cases convicted, cases conviction rate, cases pending for trial, persons arrested, persons chargesheeted and persons convicted under the POSCO Act, 2012 during 2014-2015 is annexed. The Ministry has been requesting the States/UTs from time to time to set up Special Courts under POCSO Act for speedy disposal of cases.
(d): As per information provided by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), conviction rate of 41.9% (858 cases convicted out of 2,049 cases in which trials completed) was reported under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POSCO) Act, 2012 during 2015. State/UT wise details are as annexed.
(e): The Ministry has issued Model Guidelines under section 39 of the POCSO Act,2012 in September 2013 for use by experts to assist a child during pre trial and trial stage.
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